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## CLC, CIO Council Merge In Two Years If Pact Wins

### REPORT

#### To Our Readers - Owners

##### AFL-CIO REUNION

Announcement last week that negotiating committees for AFL and CIO have agreed on a merger of the two big federations was considered good news by people in both groups.

Assuming that the intervening obstacles to actual official merger are surmounted, what then? Well, it won't mean that the millennium is at hand, although it certainly will mean that a breach long considered out of date by many of us has been healed on the surface, at least.

Under the surface, though, and occasionally erupting above it, many of the old feuds and divisions will continue to exist.

##### TWO MAIN ATTITUDES

It might be a good thing if some of these differences were brought out more clearly into the open, and the struggle between them taken for granted as part of the process of democracy within trade unionism.

Leaving aside the routine human maneuvering for positions of power and prominence which may even rage with increased heat for a time after the merger, the essential struggle is between conservatives and progressives.

Conservatives wish to hang on to old methods, old structures, old slogans, no matter what new developments there are in industry, in politics, and in social conditions. Progressives wish to adopt new tactics to meet immediate situations arising from these great changes, and to mull over new strategies to meet the deep shifts in still more fundamental and far-reaching fashion.

##### MEANY AND REUTHER

Both AFL's George Meany and CIO's Walter Reuther have proved themselves progressives by getting together despite all obstacles and pushing hard on this merger project until now it seems upon the verge of realization.

If those two, with such strikingly different backgrounds and methods of approach can get together and stick together, some of the rest of us in the labor movement ought to be able to shake some of the dead timber out of our wooden heads.

#### Send in Early For Short Week

Contributors are reminded that next week is a short one, due to Washington's Birthday, Tuesday, February 22.

So get your columns in early—but not later than Monday morning at 9 a.m. if you possibly can make it.

#### Summerfield Gets Veto Shotgun Out

Postmaster General Summerfield has told the Senate Civil Service and Post Office Committee that if Congress votes more than the 5 percent pay boost for postal workers recommended by the Administration he might advise the President to veto the measure. The President vetoed last year's postal pay bill.

The Administration bill is coupled with a postal rate increase rejected last year by Congress.

Congressman James H. Morrison (D., La.) has introduced a bill calling for a 10 percent pay increase, or \$400 a year, whichever is larger.

#### Women to Hear Geiger

J. C. Geiger, Oakland's Public Health Officer, will be speaker at a workshop meeting of the League of Women Voters of Oakland, Wednesday, February 23, at the Sanborn Park Clubhouse, 1637 Fruitvale Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

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AFL-CIO MERGER-MAKERS. These are the subcommittees of the AFL and CIO which agreed to merge their rival unions into a single powerful federation. Standing (left to right) are: David J. McDonald, CIO; Harry C. Bates, AFL; William F. Schnitzer, AFL; and James B. Carey, CIO. Seated (left to right) are: AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther.

## Here Are the 20 Main Points Of AFL-CIO Merger Agreement

Following are the 20 essential points of the AFL-CIO Merger Agreement, the complete text of which is published by the AFL News-Reporter in its issue of February 11:

1—Each organization now holding a charter with either the AFL or CIO becomes an affiliate of the merged federation.

2—Each organization shall hold to its prior jurisdiction.

3—Where conflicts over jurisdiction arise, "affiliates of the merged federation will be encouraged to eliminate conflicts and duplications through the process of agreement, merger, or other means, by voluntary agreement in consultation with the appropriate officials of the merged federation."

4—"Both craft and industrial unions are appropriate, equal, and necessary as methods of trade union organization."

5—Recognition of "the right of all workers, without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin, to share in the full benefits of trade union organization... effective implementation of this principle of nondiscrimination."

6—Appropriate internal machinery to "keep the merged federation free from any taint or corruption or Communism."

7—A department to be known as the Council of Industrial Organizations, "open to all industrial unions," to have the same status as the existing AFL departments.

8—Executive officers of merged federation to be a president and secretary-treasurer, initially from the AFL.

9—"Initially, the Director of Organization shall be selected from" the CIO, by the president of the merged federation, with the advice of the Executive Council.

10—"The convention of the merged federation, to meet regularly every two years," to be its supreme governing body.

11—"The Executive Council shall consist of 27 vice presidents, and at the first convention of the merged federation, 17 will be elected from the AFL and 10 from the CIO."

12—"The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, secretary-treasurer and 6 vice presidents to be selected by the Executive Council; initially, 3 of these vice presidents from the AFL, 3 from the CIO."

13—"The General Board shall consist of the Executive Council and the president or principal officer of each of the national or international unions affiliated with the merged federation."

14—"Standing committees are to be set up, with due recognition of both AFL and CIO in determining the chairmanships and staffing."

15—"The merged federation succeeds to all the assets of the AFL and assumes all its contractual obligations and liabilities. Part of the CIO assets goes to the merged federation as a whole, and part to the Council of Industrial Organizations to be established within the merged federation as a department."

16—"Per capita tax 4 cents a month for national and international unions and organizing committees; not less than 80 cents for federal labor unions. The Council of Industrial Organizations, acting as a department of the merged federation, shall establish its own per capita tax, as shall all other departments."

17—"Existing no-raiding agreements to remain in effect."

18—"Following approval of merger pact by executive groups of AFL and CIO, the joint AFL-CIO Unity Committee shall draft a proposed constitution for the merged federation to be submitted to the executive groups of AFL and CIO; upon their approval, separate conventions of AFL and CIO shall pass on proposed constitution; if they approve, then a joint convention of AFL and CIO, which "shall constitute the first regular biennial convention of the merged federation."

19—"Initially, the headquarters of the AFL and field staff members shall be retained; with an overhauling later into an integrated staff."

20—"Merger of existing State and local central bodies to be accomplished within two years; meanwhile they'll function as is."

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## Meany Scoffs NAM Charge Merger Is Monopoly of Labor

MIAMI, (AFL News Service)—The American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations have taken an historic step by agreeing to the merger of the two labor organizations into a single federation.

Negotiating committees agreed to the merger in advance of a meeting of the AFL Executive Council which took place here, and a meeting of the CIO Executive Board at a time and place to be determined. Procedure will be for the merger to come before the conventions of both organizations this fall. If approved, a joint convention will follow.

The agreement to end the 20-year split was reached by three-member subcommittees, and then brought before ten-member committees of each organization. On the subcommittee were George Meany, William F. Schnitzer, Harry C. Bates for the AFL; Walter Reuther, James B. Carey, and David J. McDonald for the CIO.

The agreement of the merger was nine pages long.

25% ORGANIZED

According to press service reports AFL President George Meany when asked what he thought of an NAM statement that the reunited 15,000,000-member labor group might constitute a "dangerous labor monopoly," replied:

"We represent only a minority of workers. There are more than 60,000,000 workers in this country and we've organized less than 25% of them."

Major organizing drives to follow the official consummation of the merger were mentioned by both AFL and CIO leaders.

"The white collar worker or office worker should be given the same opportunity to build up working conditions through unions," said Meany.

BECK'S ATTITUDE

The New York Times reported that Dave Beck, president of the Teamsters, "the only potential holdout against labor unity," climbed on the bandwagon."

But, continued the New York paper, "the head of the nation's biggest union made it plain, however, that he would oppose any attempt to put mandatory curbs on inter-union raiding in the constitution of the merged organization."

The AFL Executive Council gave unanimous approval to the unification pact agreed on by the negotiating committees for the AFL and CIO. The CIO Executive Board is scheduled to ratify the merger plan in Washington on February 24.

In Washington, John L. Lewis, president of the now independent United Mine Workers, which has belonged to both CIO and AFL, declined comment on the merger. He was the first president of the CIO, and his union treasury it was which dug up the money for much of the organizing work of what was at first simply the Committee for Industrial Organization of (Continued on Page 4)

## UC Wage Cut Turned Down By BTC Vote

A special building trades committee of union business agents, representing members employed at the University of California, voted unanimously this week to reject a UC proposal urging an 11% wage cut for all new university employees.

After turning down the university's proposal, the committee then recommended to the Building Trades Council on Tuesday that the council take similar action. The council unanimously concurred in the committee's recommendation and a letter explaining the council's action is now being readied by Business Representative J. L. Childers for presentation to U. C. officials.

Last Spring the university regents precipitated a week-long building trades strike on the campus when they arbitrarily ordered a similar wage cut for all new employees. The wage cut was rescinded as a result of that strike.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Childers reported that encouraging progress is being made on the local urban renewal front, better known among labor people as Oakland's slum clearance project.

He credited City Manager Wayne Thompson with "doing a good job" of pushing the program along.

"The city manager," said Childers, "has not only promised to add 15 inspectors to the present inspection team now checking the slum areas, but he has already officially condemned two rickety apartment buildings as unfit for human occupancy."

HAYWARD VOTERS

Council delegates this week were favorably disposed to carry out a request from the Hayward District Voters League, AFL.

Floyd M. Attaway, League president, wrote to the council urging the delegates to publicize to their union memberships the fact that the League invites all AFL members living in the Hayward area "to join us in selecting and electing the right kind of public officials."

According to Attaway, the dues are \$1.50 per year per member. The AFL member's wife or husband is eligible to join the League for an additional 50 cents.

STATE FED MEET

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, advised the council by letter this week that the State Fed will sponsor a legislative conference in San Francisco on Friday, March 4.

The conference, open to representatives of any AFL council, will be held in the Musicians Union Building, 230 Jones St., starting at 1 p.m.

Haggerty wrote that the conference will feature a bill-by-bill discussion of 1955 legislative prospects in Sacramento.

BTC AIDS WELDERS

Joseph Nobriga, financial secretary of Welders 681, wrote to thank the council and Childers for their support in satisfactorily adjusting the union's differences with the UC radiation laboratory regarding wages, paid holidays, sick leaves and vacations.

DEMO DINNER

The California Democratic Council has invited BTC delegates to attend a testimonial dinner for Attorney General Edmund G. (Pat) Brown at the Mart Club, 9th and Market Sts., San Francisco, tomorrow (February 19) starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per plate.

CONTRACTOR SIGNS

Secretary John Davy announced the signing of a council agreement this week by George Vander Dussen, cement mason contractor.

CLC Secretaries Will Attend Laws Conference

On motion of Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, the Central Labor Council voted this week to send Secretary Robert S. Ash and Assistant Secretary W. P. Fee to the legislative conference called by State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty for 1 p.m. March 4, in the Musicians Union building 230 Jones street, San Francisco.

The AFL legislative program will be considered bill by bill. The Legislature will resume sessions February 28.

## No CLC or BTC Meets Next Week

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council nor of the Building Trades Council next week, as the CLC meeting would fall on the evening before, and the BTC one directly on, Washington's Birthday.

Elton Bovey Wins Newsdrivers' Vote To Succeed Clancy

Elton Bovey succeeds the late Edwin A. Clancy as business representative of Newspaper, Magazine & Periodical Circulators & Drivers Local 96.

This was decided at a hotly contested election February 9 with Bovey getting 110 votes, Joe Sohm 99, and Paul Watts 7.

Sohm, who has been acting business representative since Clancy's death, now returns to the post of president, from which he had withdrawn when the executive board requested him to act as business representative until the election was held.

Both Bovey and Sohm have been working at the Oakland Tribune for some years; Watts is employed by the Berkeley Gazette.

Bovey worked for years with the Post Enquirer here. When that paper folded, he was with a San Francisco paper for a time, and then went to the Oakland Tribune.

Clancy died suddenly January 1. He was a member of the executive committee of the Central Labor Council and for some years co-delegate with Secretary Robert S. Ash of the CLC to the State Federation of Labor conventions.

Paint Makers May Have to Walk Out

Paint Makers 1101 may find it necessary to strike factories in the East Bay for which United Employers, Inc., is negotiating, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reported this week.

Ash said he and other members of a CLC executive committee group had sat in on the negotiations Representative Jack Kopke has been conducting for the union with United Employers. The employers refuse to arbitrate.

The union has been discussing a wage boost, a pension plan, sick leave, improved vacation clause, a larger health and welfare payment by the employers, and an increased differential for night work. The council's committee has made a counter proposal following a small wage offer made by the employers.

Big Slum Clearing Program Is Urged

The Oakland Urban Renewal Committee, of which Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash is a member, is considering very comprehensive recommendations to the Oakland City Council, and expects that Mayor Rishell and City Manager Thompson will endorse them.

The program would include more city inspectors to enforce the building code, tougher authority to back them up, a change in the charter so all inspection forces would be under one head, and the setting up in Oakland of a Redevelopment Commission under State law so that State and Federal funds could be utilized.

Cooper, BSE Officer Buried in Milwaukee

W. Douglas Geldert, secretary and business representative of Building Service Employees 18, returned here from Milwaukee where he attended funeral services for William Cooper, general secretary-treasurer of the BSE International Union.

Geldert reported that the funeral was the largest ever held in Milwaukee and that the city's florists were completely sold out.

Brother Cooper, who made his last appearance in the Bay Area in September to attend the Western Conference of Building Service Employees, died on February 1 after a lengthy illness. He was 51.

BSE General President W. L. McFetridge has given notification that George E. Fairchild has been appointed to succeed Cooper.

## Knight Sales Tax Scheme Has Rival Reactionary Plan

Legislative Auditor A. Alan Post has entered the State budget fight with the only widely discussed alternative proposal to Governor Knight's plan to increase the burden of various kinds of sales taxes.

Knight's plan has been repeatedly criticized by East Bay Labor Journal as a scheme to increase the burden on those least able to pay; Post's plan is to cut the services of the State until the budget balances.

Post, who has the backing of powerful reactionary interests in the State Senate, wants to cut out any pay raise for State employees.

Also, he would eliminate almost anything that would cost money which would move in the direction of making prisons and mental hospitals places where rehabilitation rather than crime-breeding or stagnation would be developed.

NO HELP FOR HELPLESS

Thus Post would turn down money for an addition to the Langley Porter Clinic in San Francisco, a famous center for mental rehabilitation, would deny State Director of Mental Hygiene Walter Rappaport requested funds for psychiatric work, and would eliminate the medical technical assistants sought to provide better supervision over mentally disturbed inmates in the San Quentin psychiatric ward.

Corrections Director Richard A. McGee has complained that budget slashing in the past was an important factor in the recent scandal involving homosexuality and brutality in the prison hospital.

Although little or no organized effort is being made by labor representatives at Sacramento to stem the tide of sales taxes Knight is asking for, it was assumed that Post's plan would be opposed by many labor people.

Post announced that State taxes per capita in California topped the list of big states; that the national average is \$70.31; California \$101.92, New York \$74.46, Pennsylvania \$57.90, Michigan \$89.95, and Illinois \$60.63.

NOT MENTIONED

Post did not mention a fact repeatedly referred to by East Bay Labor Journal in recent weeks—that more than 60% of the California State revenue comes from sales taxes in one form or another, whereas in New York and some other States the bulk of the revenue comes from personal and corporate income taxes.

As the situation stands 10 days before the reconvening of the Legislature those labor people who are heading the taxation problem at all feel that the only alternatives now being presented to the Legislature on taxation are: SOAK THE POOR OF THE STATE versus SOAK THE SERVICES OF THE STATE.

(Note: Editorial on page 4 entitled "AFL Press Silent While Goody Presses Tax-Labor-Most Plan.")

Office Employees Organize 2 Plants

Office Employees 29 reported the winning of a union election at one local plant and the signing of a majority of employees at another plant recently. The announcement was made here by John Kinnick, Local 29 president and business representative.

As reported by Kinnick, the office workers at Brand Textiles in San Leandro voted four to one in favor of union representation at the bargaining table. Contract negotiations at this plant is now under way.

Kinnick also reported that a majority of the 22 office workers at Albers Milling Company in Oakland have signed application cards to join Local 29. The union has requested recognition from the company so that a union contract may be signed.

Only Union Audit Firm

The local labor movement was notified this week that the National Audit Bureau is the only 100% unionized accounting and auditing firm doing business in the Eastbay. The announcement was made here by John Kinnick, president and business representative of Office Employees 29.

## CLC Installs Officers For 3-Year Terms

Newly reelected officers of the Central Labor Council were installed this week for the new 3-year terms recently adopted by amendment to the constitution of the council.

Shortly before the installation ceremony, conducted by Past President Walter East, Laundry Workers 2, Secretary Robert S. Ash had read aloud to the delegates the paragraph of the proposed AFL-CIO merger pact covering the consolidation of State and local central bodies of the two federations.

The Alameda County Industrial Council, the equivalent of the AFL's Central Labor Council is presided over by Gordon Laughland, Communication Workers 9415; the secretary-treasurer is Van A. Dempsey, Auto Workers 844. Its offices are located in the Pacific building, 610 - 16th street.

The full official title of the organization is: Greater Alameda County Industrial Union Council. This title was adopted some years ago when unions allegedly Com-mie-led were kicked out of the CIO, and a new name was given to the CIO central body to distinguish it sharply from the old Red-infiltrated outfit here.

WORDS OF PACT

The paragraph which Ash read aloud to the CLC delegates this week from the official text of the proposed merger pact, is as follows:

"Merger of existing State and local central bodies of the AFL and CIO shall be accomplished within two years after the date of the merger of the two national federations by the process of negotiation and agreement under the guidance of the officers of the merged federation. Pending the conclusion of such agreements State and local central bodies of both the AFL and CIO shall be permitted to continue to exist as State and local central bodies representing the respective local unions now affiliated to such central bodies."

The two State bodies which would be expected to merge within two years after the merger of the federations are the AFL State Federation of Labor, which has its headquarters in San Francisco, with Thomas L. Pitts as president, and C. J. Haggerty as secretary-treasurer; and the State CIO Council, with Manuel Dias of Oakland as president, and John Despol as secretary-treasurer, with headquarters in Los Angeles.

OFFICERS SPEAK

Past President East installed standing committee members, holding office for one-year terms, and trustees with staggered terms ranging from one to three years, as well as the re-elected officers.

President John F. Quinn thanked the delegates for his reelection, and said he would continue to try give fair play and no favoritism in the conduct of council affairs.

Secretary Robert S. Ash said that he wished to thank the delegates for reelecting him, and especially for entrusting him with his office for the new 3-year term. Assistant Secretary W. P. Fee said that he looked forward to continuing to serve with Ash, remarking that "I probably have not much more" (Continued on Page 4)

Manfredo Elected Lodge 1518 B. A.

Mike Manfredo was elected business agent of IAM Production Workers 1518 for the next two years in a recent union election, it was announced here this week. Other officers (elected to 1-year terms) were:

Lawrence Thompson, president; Raymond Enos, vice president; Alberta Cassero, recording secretary; Hebert C. Hoover, financial secretary; Hazel Peterson, treasurer; Manuel Lewis, conductor; David Enos, sentinel; and John Souza, trustee.

Executive board members: John C. Hewitt, Frank Salsedo, John Seffer, Parke White and Bjarne Thoresen.

Delegates to convention: Manfredo and Henry Nunes. Building Association delegates: White and Seffer.



## HOW TO BUY

### Buying Questions Answered

By SYDNEY MARGOLIS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

**TELEVISION SETS:** "Am interested in a television set. One company has a cheaper set with side controls. Are there others?"

—W. B. W., Selma, N. C.

**Answer:** There is an increasing number of such table models with side controls, some of them selling at net prices (after discount) of not much more than \$100 for the 17-inch size. (Among the lowest-priced of the sets with side controls are Emerson and Sears Roebuck's own brand.) There is nothing wrong with side controls, although some people consider them not as convenient. Putting the controls on the side enables the manufacturer to use a smaller cabinet and simplify the internal structure so the set is easier to build. However, while some of the lower-priced sets are satisfactory in good reception areas, they may be simplified a little too much in other respects for fringe and other difficult-reception areas.

Some moderate-price sets do not have the cascade tuner, which provides more gain for neighborhoods where sensitive reception is required. Some television experts also say the cascade tuner generally needs less servicing and is easier to convert to UHF channels, which may or may not be needed in your own area. Also, some of the low-cost sets are made with the filaments in a series so that there is more danger of shorts which may effect tubes and other components. This arrangement sometimes also adds to the servicemen's time in locating the source of trouble. Sets with heater transformers, which may cost about \$10 more, eliminate some of these service difficulties.

### Child-Rearing Allowance

Parents caught up in their own money problems often overlook the need for helping their children form realistic spending habits. Such habits are best learned while young, when a financial miscalculation means a momentary disappointment rather than a family tragedy.

One of the best ways to develop in children a sound sense of money values is to give them a regular allowance.

This allowance should be more than a catch-as-catch-can affair. It should be geared to the overall family income. The age of the child and his daily needs should also be considered. And it should be made very clear just what items the allowance is intended to cover, how often it will be paid, and what "borrowing" arrangements will be made if money runs out.—Nancy Pratt, AFL News Service.

### Some Good Food

#### Peanut Soup

Two tablespoons butter or margarine, 2 tablespoons flour, 3 cups milk, 1 tablespoon grated onion, 1/4 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 teaspoon celery salt, pepper, 1 1/2 cups salted, 1/2 cup peanut butter, 2 cups sieved cooked tomatoes.

Melt butter or margarine and add flour, stirring until smooth. Add milk and cook over low heat until slightly thickened, stirring constantly. Add seasonings and blend part of hot mixture with peanut butter; combine with the rest of the hot mixture. Heat tomatoes and add slowly, stirring constantly. Makes 5 cups. —United Mine Workers Journal.

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## Board's Giveaway To Board Chairman Out at First Base

Assembly Bill 3724, introduced by Assemblyman Charles W. Meyers (D., San Francisco) would give free to "abutting property owners" some three square blocks of submerged tidelands under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco State Harbor Board.

One of the "abutting property owners" is none other than Ward G. Walkup, president of the State Harbor Board.

These facts were brought out in the daily press of San Francisco last week. Dwight L. Merriman, one of the three members of the Harbor Board, was quoted as having called attention to the matter at a board meeting and saying:

"Can we take this action if the Legislature does approve it? It's an outright gift. I never heard of such a thing!"

Walkup agreed that the board had better not endorse the proposal.

Harold Lopez, Teamsters 85, the third member of the board, was reported to have sat silent through the discussion. All three board members are Knight appointees, but Merriman has constituted a critical minority in most disputes. Walkup and Lopez usually teaming together.

Immediately after Knight became Governor, Walkup, a drayage contractor, created a sensation by firing San Francisco Port Director Robert H. Wylie and trying to rush the appointment of Knight's then secretary, John J. Synon, to the \$16,000 port job. When Merriman challenged the appointment and asked why it should be made, Walkup said:

"Look at the election returns, and you'll find out."

But Synon decided not to take the job, which would have given him a \$4000 raise in salary, after studies began to be made of his part in shifting a fat insurance policy for the Harbor Board. Later Synon took a cut in pay of \$1000 by taking an \$11,000 appointment to the Industrial Accident Commission. San Francisco still has no Port Director.

## Abe and Ike, They Look Alike: GOP

This week the Republicans throughout the nation observed Lincoln's birthday without the slinging of red mud which characterized their observance of the day last year. Mostly they discovered that Ike is so like Abe you couldn't tell 'em apart if you met 'em together in Wall Street.

The collapse of McCarthy, the sending of Nixon to Guatemala with a dunce cap on for his campaign smearing, and the rise of the Democrats to control of both branches of Congress, were assumed to be responsible for the subdued tone of the GOP oratory.

**RAY HENSLEY**, a member of Electricians 595, passed away in Hayward on February 13 at age 56 leaving a brother, Hewell of Oklahoma; and 2 sisters, Cora Gray and Helen Ervin of Auburn, California.

## Picketing Widened By Grocery Clerks

San Francisco Grocery Clerks 648 this week extended picketing to big holdout markets in the fight for better pay and working conditions, with many of the employing grocers already signed up. Today (Friday) the struggle enters its 15th day.

Chain ownerships which fought in court to prevent managing clerks in stores from belonging to the Clerks Union are now demanding in San Francisco that these managing clerks be allowed to do any work the ownership orders. The union is insisting that if ownership wishes to treat managing clerks as high and mighty non-union managerial personnel, then let them stick to managing, and leave the work to the clerks.

## Shelley Shouts Defi at Raker Act Wreckers Who Back Giveaway Scheme

Congressman John F. Shelley (D., San Francisco), former president of the State Federation of Labor, lived up to the high expectations of his friends last week when he flatly refused to go along with Mayor Robinson and the Board of Supervisors in a scheme "to turn public power over to a private utility" as Shelley phrased it.

The Republican Congressman from San Francisco, William S. (Gerrymander) Mailliard, who won his seat in the House through the Republican Legislature redistricting Congressman Franck R. Havenner out, is now expected to handle the bill which Shelley refuses to touch.

The bill, an amendment to another measure, would authorize San Francisco to sell surplus Hetch Hetchy power to the PG&E which is now forbidden by the 1913 Raker Act because the city's dams are located on Federal land in Yosemite.

When Shelley was told the S. F. Board of Supervisors was for the scheme he is said to have shouted over the long distance telephone in that big Teamster voice so often heard in labor gatherings:

"I don't give a damn what the Board of Supervisors says. I'm responsible to the San Francisco people who elected me. I won't introduce any amendment that would result in violation of the Raker Act."

**PATRICK J. McWALTERS**, a member of Hod Carriers 166 and Building Service Employees 18, died in Berkeley on February 15 leaving 2 daughters, Mary and Mrs. Pauline Morris; 2 sons, Joseph and Peter; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Coyne; and 2 grandchildren.

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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

A FEW DAYS AGO, the papers carried a story about a 15-year old Shafter boy who had just completed a course in "hunter safety", shooting and killing himself with a rifle.

One of the slogans of this course is "Treat every gun as though it were loaded."

Ronnie Dee Turner had been termed by his instructor, Richard Scott, "a competent and prudent handler of guns."

So one day Ronnie picked up a 22 rifle and said to a chum: "I wonder if I have guts enough to see if it is loaded."

It was! Though Ronnie probably never knew.

The question is what does "competent and prudent" mean when applied to a 13-year old?

Children younger even than this can master the mechanics of handling a gun or other dangerous instruments. They can learn all the rules of safety. They can fool some adults into thinking they really ARE prudent and competent.

The really "competent and prudent" adult, however, knows that a child, however clever or talented, is still a child.

He lacks that basic experience in living which provides him with that faculty we call "judgment." Even rather dull grown-ups get some of this bumped into them in the course of years.

Perhaps we need more "competent and prudent" adults to see to it that children no matter how clever their little hands or minds, not be given dangerous weapons, such as guns and automobiles.

## City of Hope Fair to Open in S. F. Feb 25

The labor-management sponsored Bay Area Town Fair, a project aimed at raising funds to continue operation of the City of Hope at Duarte, will be held February 25 through 28 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, 1290 Sutter St., San Francisco.

With City of Hope Bay Area auxiliary chapter members as salesmen, the fair will offer new merchandise ranging from women's apparel to electrical appliances—all at reduced prices.

The merchandise is being provided through the cooperation of the San Francisco Labor Council and its member unions, the wearing apparel industry and numerous other manufacturers and retail businessmen.

On opening day, Fair hours will be 6 p.m. to midnight. During the other three days, from 10 a.m. to midnight. General admission is 10 cents.

**INNOCENZO SANTINI**, a member of IAM Journeymen Machinists 284, passed away in Berkeley on February 12. Brother Santini, a veteran of World War I, was 59 years old. His survivors include his widow, Jennie; a daughter, Mrs. Dione Smith of Berkeley; and 3 sisters residing in Italy.

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## McKinnon Sale of Liberal Paper Got Him \$500 Week Job

Labor's Daily in its February 8 issue published a story stating that "Clinton D. McKinnon, former editor and publisher of the defunct Los Angeles Daily News, sole liberal, pro-labor and Democratic newspaper, was given a five-year contract at \$125,000 by the antiunion Times-Mirror Corporation, as part of the deal leading to the paper's sale."

Labor's Daily says that these facts were brought out in testimony by McKinnon himself at the bankruptcy hearings.

"Mr. Chandler (chief executive of the Times-Mirror Corp.) made me a double-barreled offer," McKinnon stated. "One was that he would pay \$275,000 for certain assets—the name, good will, specified features, our morgue and our circulation lists."

"The second offer, upon which the purchase was predicated, was that I sign a five-year contract for \$125,000 to aid in getting the Daily News circulation for the Mirror and that I write a column in the Mirror once a week."

At \$500 a column, McKinnon ranks as one of the nation's highest-paid writers.

Labor's Daily adds: "Editorial, circulation and mechanical employees of the News received only one, or in certain cases, two weeks in back wages for work actually done."

In contrast to the \$25,000-a-year one-column-a-week job received by McKinnon is the plight of hundreds of News employees who are jobless.

"Employees' vacation, dismissal and severance pay amounting to \$800,000 remains unpaid. What portion of the money due will be paid is to be decided by the bankruptcy court."

"Remaining assets of the Daily News total about \$900,000, with liabilities estimated at about \$4,000,000."

Hearings in the bankruptcy proceedings were recessed for a time and resumed this week.

## Picket Crossover Gets \$100 Lesson

It cost a Fresno union man a \$100 fine to learn the hard way that it isn't wise to cross a picket line, even though that picket line was put out by a union other than his own.

According to a story which appeared in the February 11 issue of the AFL Valley Labor Citizen, the union man was fined by his Local for crossing an organizational picket line placed in front of a Fresno motor parts store by Department Store Clerks 170.

As Editor Charles W. Clough observed, "By and large most union members have respected this line. They have recognized the fact that when they cross a union picket line they are in fact lowering their own working conditions."

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## FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies:

**TEENAGERS ARE PATHETIC** in their desire to develop their soft squishy little personalities into adult individualities. We've all gone through it, and if we use our imaginations a little we can remember in some details how tough the experience was and how silly, now that we look back on it, some of our performances were.

A current performance of teenagers going through this essential task of growing up by acting like babies was witnessed the other day by an adult who doesn't like to think how many years ago it was that he had to do such things in order to feel important and grown up.

**WIDE AND DANGEROUS** intersection of highways was the scene of the performance. Traffic shooting in four directions. Heavy morning fog. Three teenage girls came to a curb and to reach the spot where they caught their school bus they struck out blithely into the deathtrap, walking diagonally across it.

**Screeching brakes. Cars stopping suddenly. Other cars barely avoiding a smash into the ones in front.**

Laughter from the girls. Amusement at the trouble they were causing. Muttered curses from the drivers who had come so near killing the three kids or causing crashes by their sudden stop.

**THOSE THREE KIDS** undoubtedly went to school that day feeling a bit more important, a little more grown up. They were big girls now. Drivers had to pay attention to them.

Is it possible for older people, parents, for instance, to persuade Little Miss Cutie that instead of being up to date and grown up she's out of touch with these rapid times when she does such things, and that she's acting like an infant instead of an adult?

## More Jobless

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Nation's employment total dropped seasonally by about 500,000 between December and January, Secretary of Commerce Weeks and Secretary of Labor Mitchell reported. Unemployment rose by about the same amount.

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## Simpson Reelected To Head Bakers

Henry Simpson was reelected for the 10th consecutive term as president of the 9th District Council of Bakers at the annual meeting of the organization held in Sacramento February 11 through 13. Simpson is secretary-treasurer of Bakery & Confectionery Workers 125 of Oakland.

The District Council is composed of approximately 14,000 AFL bakers in unions located in Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah.

Others reelected with Simpson were Vern Allen of San Diego, vice-president; Henry Bartosh, Sacramento, secretary; Everett Beasley, Oakland Bakers 119, sergeant-at-arms; and executive board members Dave Dunham, San Francisco; Ed Kemmitt, S. F.; William McClay, Los Angeles; George Mullins, Stockton; and William Wagner, Oakland Bakers 119. Newly elected members of the executive board are G. Basil Bates, L. A.; John Bopp, Fresno; and Austin Tully, S. F.

## Never Know Who Might Be a Republican, But This Guess Was Wrong

The editor of East Bay Labor Journal has received an urgent note on the letterhead of the Republican National Committee appealing

"To You—As a Member of the Eisenhower Team

"Let's underscore two facts: "1—The election fight for 1956 is already on.

"2—To win that crucial election we must have a team of thousands of enthusiastic, dedicated, and informed Party workers."

A business reply envelope enclosed for any checks one might wish to send.

Communication filed.

## Swan Co. Signs But Will Argue Later

Sherwood Swan & Co. has signed the regular food industry contract with Office Employees 29 after many negotiations with a committee of the Central Labor Council sitting in, CLC Assistant Secretary W. F. Fee reported this week.

Their attorney has served notice, however, that when this contract expires, the company will again demand that its employees not be under the general food industry contract, on the ground that the market is shifting from food as its main line to other commodities.

## Union Wins Women \$50 Month Boost

Two women employed by Norbert Cronin & Co., 610 - 16th street, Oakland, are getting \$50 a month more than they did before a contract was negotiated with the company by Office Employees 29, Central Labor Council Assistant Secretary W. F. Fee reported this week.

The company claimed that it should be classed as a brokerage concern, rather than a health and welfare insurance company, said Fee. But 90% of their business, he said, was health and welfare insurance.

## Bill by Carlos Bee To Aid Gifted Child

Assemblyman Carlos Bee, of Hayward, a former school teacher, has introduced a bill in the State legislature which aims at overcoming the present inertia and neglect of "gifted" children in California's educational program.

The bill provides for an appropriation of \$132,000 for the State Department of Education to conduct a 3-year pilot study to determine the proper method of educating the gifted child.

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## Steamfitters Get Report on Safety

By JIM MARTIN

The Fifth Statewide California Safety Conference was held at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles on February 3 and 4.

The following figures were presented to nearly 1500 representatives of labor, management and government:

Half a million California workers are injured at work each year, according to a 5-year average. Of this number, more than 140,000 are disabled—that is, unable to report for work the day after they are injured, and more than 750 of them die from their injuries. Every 14 seconds of each day a California worker is injured on the job. Every minute a Californian is disabled in an on-the-job accident, and every working day of the year three workers die in industrial accidents.

The statistics presented by the Research Division of the Department of Industrial Relations, also show a steady decline in the disabling injury rate which reached a record low in 1954 of 34 disabling injuries per 1000 workers.

In a speech opening the two day conference, Governor Goodwin Knight of California said work injuries and deaths lost almost \$500,000,000 each year in time lost, insurance costs and damage to material equipment. "These figures," Governor Knight said, "omit the most important part of the story, for no figure can describe the pain and suffering of those injured, the grief and loss to those who lose their life's companion through industrial accidents."

He praised labor and management for their help and progress, in the prevention of work injuries and deaths, and said the State Division of Industrial Safety had laid the basic framework on which the safety structure must be built.

Governor Knight presented the retiring Director of Industrial Relations, Paul Scharenberg, with a scroll—in recognition of 25 years of faithful and devoted service to California. Ernest B. Webb presided as chairman of the conference. Thomas L. Pitts, President of the State Federation of Labor, also addressed the delegates and thanked the department for the progress and cooperation the past year.

The intent of the conference is to bring together responsible leaders of labor and management and create a mutually harmonious relationship between these groups with the aim of reducing industrial injuries throughout the State of California.

Of the 61 specific safety recommendations suggested at last year's conference, it was reported that action was completed on 27, with 17 others in the process of being completed, and an additional 7 still being worked on, and only 10 recommendations failing to get any action.

This year's conference also provided panels covering the various construction crafts, whereby a more thorough study could be given to the individual crafts.

The report of the Southern and Northern Committees and their many recommendations were approved by the delegates. These Southern and Northern Committees represent both labor and employers.

Ten safety meetings were held by the Los Angeles Chapter of the Governmental Agencies Section since last year's conference was made. A total of 282 persons attended these meetings, an average of 28 persons a meeting. Subjects discussed were varied in scope.

The Northern Committee reported progress, and has under preparation accident prevention material and a contest program (based on that of the National Safety Council,) which will be

presented to the League of California Cities and the County Supervisors Association in the near future. Some effort has been made to obtain data to advance such a program but due to the various methods of reporting accidents and the difficulty in obtaining reasonable comparable man-hour statistics further study would be necessary.

In reviewing the Department's 1954 accident statistics, we find that 20% of last year's accidents of disabling injuries involved working surfaces, such as ladders and scaffolds, etc. Also 23% of the disabling injuries were due to strain by lifting as overexertion. It is this type which mostly affects our membership, therefore, pamphlets entitled "Safety Ladder—Step By Step" and "How to Lift" have been obtained and can be had upon request at our business office. We suggest that you obtain copies of these pamphlets as this information is very educational and beneficial to our journeymen.

## Hayward Voters In Drive for Members

Every union affiliated with the Central Labor Council should encourage its members resident in the Hayward Area to join the AFL Hayward District Voters League, said Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, at this week's CLC meeting.

Floyd M. Attaway as president of the Hayward Voters League had written to the council calling attention to the fact that the League's dues are \$1.50 per year per member or per delegate from interested locals; the AFL member's wife or husband is eligible for an additional 50 cents.

Check or money order can be sent to the Hayward District Voters League, AFL, 1049 Sycamore avenue, Hayward.

## Merger Gets Okay From Goody Knight

Although his pals of the National Association of Manufacturers said that the nearing AFL-CIO merger forebodes a dangerous monopoly of labor, Governor Goodwin J. Knight swallowed hard and issued a statement that "this consolidation will make for better labor-management relationships and will result in greater benefits and opportunities for union members through unified leadership and singleness of purpose."

The prediction current in labor circles is that Knight's chances of getting another endorsement for him and his Director of Employment William Burkett are decreased rather than increased if the merger takes place in California.

## Burkett Is Called 'Police State' Man

The San Diego Labor Leader, published by the Central Labor Council of that city, in its February 1 issue says editorially: "A virtual police state is in the making within the Government of California. With the ascendancy of William A. Burkett to the post of Director of the State Department of Employment, this department, created by law to aid the working people of the State, has been converted into an agency AGAINST the very people it is supposed to help."

The Labor Leader declares that Burkett's policy is: Treat every claim for unemployment compensation as a case of fraud.



### Hayward Painters 1178

Our next regular meeting is dated Friday, February 18. We are using our new hall and it is a vast improvement over our old one. Come out to the meeting and look it over.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

### Steamfitters 342

At the Special Called meeting held on February 3, 1955, the membership voted to adopt the Resolution pertaining to an increase in dues. Effective March 1, 1955 the dues for all members will be increased \$1.00 per month.

Washington's Birthday, February 22, is a building trades holiday in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for members of this union.

Fraternally,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Business Manager

### Painters 127

All members of Painters Local Union No. 127 are hereby notified that a special meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, at 8 p.m. in the regular meeting hall, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. Purpose of this meeting will be to elect an additional business representative.

The increase in dues from \$3.00 per month to \$4.00 per month effective January 1, 1955 will permit this additional representation to more fully cover the territory under the local's jurisdiction and will provide better service to the brothers.

Any other special business to come before the meeting will be acted upon and all brothers are urged to attend.

Fraternally,  
FLOYD PEASLEE,  
Recording Secretary

### Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessment No. 370 is now due and payable. Brother W. P. Martin, No. 117889, a member of Local Union No. 283, Stockton, passed away on December 15, 1954.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILDS,  
Business Representative

### Plasterers 112

There will be no work for members of this Local on Tuesday, February 22, (Washington's Birthday) due to the fact that Hod Carriers Local 166 was unable to contact its employers in regard to making this day a work holiday.

Remember: February 22 will be observed by this Local as a regular holiday.

Fraternally,  
GEORGE WHITTON,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at Mechanics Hall, Labor Temple, San Francisco, California, on Sunday afternoon, February 20, 1955, at 1:00 o'clock.

Yours fraternally,  
HORACE STAFFORD,  
Secretary.

Strokes of the Brush From Local No. 127

## Painters Mourn Old-Timer's Death

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

We regret to report the death of another one of our old timers, Brother H. M. Petersen, a member since 1936, passed away on February 13 at Kaiser Hospital. We do not as yet know the exact cause of death. However, when we visited him on Friday afternoon his physician told us he had a mild stroke with the possibility of cerebral hemorrhage. The officers and members of Local 127 extend their deep sympathies to the family of our departed brother.

Nothing definite to report on negotiations for the new agreement. At the last meeting of the local a good discussion was held on some recommended changes and your scribe will try and have them incorporated in the labor proposals. Another meeting on the 24th where further discussion will take place.

Still negotiating on our preventive medicine program for dependents with the possibility it will be ready by next week. If we are able to make the proper arrangements as we have stated in the last few issues this will be a fine program for health and welfare for the members' dependents. Our consulting physicians and surgeons tell us that this program, if adopted by the members, will result in preventing serious sickness and operations in the future.

All members of the executive

## Two Bits Will Finance Wage Rise for Barbers

Haircut prices in union barber shops in Alameda county and parts of Contra Costa county will go up to \$1.75 starting on Tuesday, March 15.

The 25 cents increase was approved by members of AFL Barbers 134 in a secret ballot vote taken on Monday evening.

C. A. Silva, Local 134 secretary-treasurer, reported that the union had voted the raise in order to boost the hourly wage of union barbers from the present \$1.47 to \$1.67. Silva added that the barbers received their last pay raise in 1951.

Work is still slow with some of the brothers unemployed, however we look for things to pick up and should have everybody back on the job within the next few weeks. Of course a lot will depend on the weather. See you next week.

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## Theater Union in New Pact Talks

By JOE CONNELLY

Our contracts with various moving picture theaters of Alameda County and parts of Contra Costa County expire the end of this month.

A preliminary meeting has already been held by the officers of this local and those of Local B-66, Sacramento and B-18, San Francisco to draw up a proposed agreement.

Inasmuch as working conditions and wage scales are standardized in all three locals, they are negotiating with representatives of the employers in a body.

Beside projected increases in the wage scales, the committee is seeking to improve the vacation clause, and other working conditions.

Employer representatives are currently meeting with other crafts, and have promised an early meeting, as soon as feasible after the other negotiations have been completed.

In view of this fact and the limited time element the first item on the agenda is to seek a clause providing for all increases to be retroactive to March 1st.

The five man committee named by the employers include Joseph Touhy (no relation to Roger) labor relations representative of Fox West Coast Theaters, and James Runte, Northern California Division Manager of the same company. Vern Taylor, attorney, representing United California Theaters (Golden State and United Artists in this locality), Ben Levin and Roy Cooper independent operators. With the exception of Runte, the others have been on previous management committees, affecting this local's negotiations.

Labor representatives are William P. Sutherland, secretary-treasurer of the State Theatrical Federation and Business Manager of Local B-18, San Francisco; Al Maass, president of Local B-18; Harry Finks, business manager of Local B-66 which includes Sacramento, Stockton and Lodi. The balance of the committee is composed of Joe Connelly, business manager of our local, and Past President Fred Miller, also of B-82.

Up and down the aisle . . . Alice Burdick of the Paramount celebrating her 21st birthday last Monday . . . Bob Bartelson out of the Globe as assistant manager, followed shortly by Manager John Russell. Andy Marinello is the new manager pro-tem, having moved over from the Fox-Oakland. Gloria Nufer McComb is temporarily acting as his assistant . . . The final union meeting of the month is scheduled for the 4th Saturday (26th) at 10 a.m.

EMPLOYMENT in California in manufacturing this January was 10,600 below December and 1300 less than January a year ago, Director of Industrial Relations Ernest B. Webb announced.

KAISER FOUNDATION has signed a new contract with AFL Hospital and Institutional Workers 250 providing for a 5-cent hourly increase for some 750 workers.

His wife has been hospitalized for a number of months and is in need of another operation. The family has exhausted their means of support, which is at this time desperately needed.

Six to eight pints of blood is needed and any member who feels able to assist Bill in this manner can do so by telephoning Oxford 7-4034 which is the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank, 1791 El Camino Real, Burlingame and arrange for an appointment. Appointments may be made between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, or 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday and Saturday.

Please ask that credit be given to Mrs. William Kiel in the San Mateo County Hospital.

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## Watchmakers Face March Court Case

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We have just received word from our attorney that the court case that John Carbone has against the union has been set for March 22nd. This should be sufficient evidence for any watchmaker who had any doubts or questions relative to the objectives of Carbone and the people who are supporting him as to their attempt to break down the standards and ethics established by the union, as well as, the union itself, if possible.

As we previously told you, we have defeated two of Carbone's attempts to have the picket line removed and we are positive we are going to win the third case.

If it is not for the reason of breaking down the union's conditions, why should any watchmaker, or watchmakers, pay attorney fees and court costs which far exceed the small monthly dues that is paid by members of the union?

We shall keep on picketing until we prove to Carbone and any other watchmaker that legally we are within our rights to protect the standards and ethics that we have adopted.

BLOOD NEEDED  
Some of the members who have been in the organization for a number of years will certainly remember William Kiel who worked on Columbus Avenue before going to Granat Bros. a number of years ago.

A few years back, Bill retired and went on Social Security, however, in the last year, a great deal of hardship has overtaken him and his family.

Heretofore Bill has always been ready to help the union on any occasion, and is now, and I must add, for the first time, asking the members of the union for help.

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## IAM Auxiliary 97 Installs Officers

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Correspondent IAM Ladies Auxiliary No. 97

All the Christmas, New Year, Installation, and the first of the conclusion is all over and so we are now settling down to regular routine again.

Our first February meeting was called to order by our new president Opal Lawrence and she is to be complimented on the way she took over.

Our installation was a definite success. Installing Officer Nellie Blanford was letter perfect in her role and installing Marshal Evelyn Gerholdt, assisted by installing Marshal Rose Peratta, are to be praised for the perfect floor work which they planned and carried out. Sister Eva Hare and her committee also outdid themselves. The attractively decorated tables and the yummy refreshments which they served showed the time and work they had put in. Our hats off to them, too. All in all everything was just right. Many of our members also visited other Auxiliary installations and the reports are that ours rated highest. We also had visitors from the two San Francisco, two Vallejo, Richmond, and Labor Temple Auxiliaries.

President Lawrence has called an officers meeting at her home for next Tuesday to discuss projects for the good of the order.

Chairman Florence Meade will have the sewing club at her home on the fourth Tuesday of this month to make their plans for the coming year.

Sister Florence Charke was appointed chairman of Ways and Means for the coming year and will appreciate all assistance the members may give her.

Sister Eve Gallaher is quite ill again. I hope by the time this goes to press she is much better. Sister Elsie Ericson also has been ill for the past three weeks but I understand is on the mend.

The Past Presidents will journey over to San Francisco for our annual dinner and good time at which we will initiate Past President Lila Piz into our Past Presidents Club. A large time is expected by all of us as we are going this time to Bimbo's 365 Club. By the way, Lila is a grandma again. Reports are after a rather tough time Mother and Babe are doing nicely. We had our January meeting at Sister Anna Nelson's home and every one enjoyed Sister Anna's delicious refreshments and entertainment.

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A reader of this paper suggests that we start a "Society for the Preservation of Original Names in America" — call it SPONA. Whiskey Flat, she complains, was changed to Kernville; Hobo Hot Springs to Miracle Hot Springs; Muroc to Edwards; Boulder Dam to Hoover Dam; Westlake Park to McArthur Park; Hangtown to Placerville, and so on. It's getting, she points out, that we old-timers don't know our way around any more. Maybe it can get confusing at that. —Harry H. Hollins, Kern County Labor Journal.

### NATURAL GAS

Is the singing commercial—that diabolical invention of the advertising mind—about to invade the field of public affairs? Could be. . . Take, for example, the producers of natural gas. They are now embarked on a drive to convince you that somehow or other your freedoms are being tampered with because the Supreme Court has ruled that the Federal Power Commission has authority to regulate the price of natural gas flowing from one state to another. —The Carpenter.

### REV. G. WARMER

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### IKE'S IDEAL WAGE

President Eisenhower believes that 90 cents an hour is enough for millions of underpaid workers. . . Labor is united for \$1.25 an hour as a minimum and this can be justified when we consider what has happened to the dollar and to living costs since the 75 cents an hour became effective. —The Challenger, published by AFL Textile Workers.

### TEACHERS PAY

Take-home pay for the beginning unmarried teacher (in New York City) can be as little as \$2,417 a year, or \$46 a week, after federal tax and pension deductions. The United States Labor Department has just reported that in December the average factory worker with no dependents had take-home pay of \$61.36 a week after deductions. —New York Times.

### WAITING

Spring is just around the corner. And well it might be, judging from the numbers of men of all crafts waiting for a call in the Hiring Hall these past few weeks. —Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin.

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## EDITORIALS

### AFL Press Silent While Goody Presses Tax-Labor-Most Plan

Ten days from the date of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal the Legislature will reconvene and decide whether or not the working people of this State are going to pay the bulk of the tax increases made necessary by the phenomenal growth of California.

Yet big as the issue is, still bigger is the general silence of the AFL press in California. Is it possible that because Goody Knight for some reason or other got an endorsement he did not deserve, for no reason at all the AFL press throughout the State is expected to remain bound and gagged while working people get a beating on taxation which they certainly do not deserve?

Consider the difference between what is happening in California, where a reactionary Republican Governor constructs the budget, and New York State, where a liberal Democratic Governor with the deserved backing of organized labor does the work.

The two budgets are roughly the same in size: California, \$1,529,768,426; New York, \$1,345,200,000. Both Governors declare they face big deficits unless new or additional taxes are imposed. But the approach of the two Governors is diametrically different. The reactionary Governor of California proposes nothing but sales taxes in one form or another, so that those least able to pay will have to pay still more heavily; the liberal Governor of New York proposes the great bulk of the new money be raised—hold your breath—FROM THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE MONEY.

And don't forget another thing which East Bay Labor Journal has repeatedly pointed out—and we're the only AFL paper in the State that has done so—in this State more than 60% of the total revenue for the State Government comes from sales taxes, and only a measly 17% from personal and corporate income taxes; while in New York even before Governor Harriman came into office 51.3% of the State's revenue comes from personal and corporate income taxes.

Part of the headline the New York Times ran on the liberal Governor's tax proposals was: "Higher Rate on Profits Sought—Opponents are Stunned." You know, of course, who the opponents mentioned are: they'd just love to live in California, where there's no danger of there ever being stunned by Goody. But why weren't we of labor stunned when the reactionary Knight struck US a terrific blow with his scheme for loading more sales taxes on us. Why didn't our AFL press throughout the State raise the roof?

Here's the New York Times (issue of February 2, page 1, column 1) report of the liberal New York Governor's proposal:

... he would increase the corporate franchise tax yield by \$17,000,000, or 11.5%. He asked that the rate be advanced from 5 1/2% to 6% and that certain credits be removed. . . corporate franchise increases would be in addition to restoring the full 'normal' rate on the personal income tax, effective April 15, and setting the unincorporated business tax at 4 instead of 3 percent, the rate in effect since 1947.

Meanwhile, in California the reactionary Administration is not only carefully avoiding the "stunning" of the big interests, but is cooperating with them to build up a vast barrage of publicity against unemployment insurance, and has introduced 77 bills through the legislature's chief labor-hater, Assemblyman Levering, to chisel down the number of persons eligible to eat for 26 weeks when out of work.

There's nothing in this to be surprised at. That's the kind of a reactionary Knight is. But isn't a labor man, and even a labor paper, permitted to be surprised that the AFL in California has evidently decided to lie down and take unfair taxation without a murmur? Or are we wrong: Are Hearst, Chandler, and Goody now supposed to set the tone of our labor press?

### Loafers Bring Discredit on Union

The Chicago Federation News in its January 29 issue published a guest editorial by a spokesman for the Chicago local union of a well known international. We're not going to name the union because it's the principle of what was said in the guest editorial that's important, and not the specific union. Here are some of the things this unionist said:

"In the 90 years our union has been established we've come a long way, and we've much to be proud of. . .

"But it seems to me that, the last few years, there has been a subtle change in attitude of our members toward their employers. . . An attitude toward work, also, and to fellow union men. . .

"We don't have to polish brass any more to please the boss; we don't have to kill ourselves for an extra dollar but our employer has SOME rights. After all, he must make money or he can't employ anyone. He has a right to realize a reasonable profit; he is not to be considered an ogre because he runs an efficient shop, yet that seems to be the attitude of some men.

"Employers have a right to expect union men to be reliable, to be on the job on time; the employer is entitled to a degree of respect because he is our employer. And he is entitled to an honest day's work. . . Do your best to arrive on time. When things on the job seem to be getting out of hand, talk it over with your employer—don't jump angrily off the premises without giving him a chance to explain, or to correct the situation.

"Independence, carried too far, becomes insolence; company loyalty, carried too far, becomes subservience. There should be a compromise of mutual respect and understanding."

That's good straightforward talk. The man who wrote it is obviously hitting, in a kindly, sensible way, at some bad practices he's seen growing up among some few people who think their union should protect them if they loaf on the job, or get cocky with the boss for no good reason.

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### 'Return of Frankenstein'



### Meany Scoffs NAM Charge Merger Is Monopoly of Labor

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the American Federation of Labor and later became the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

LEWIS AND GREEN  
It was around the figure of the redoubtable John L. that much of the battling centered in those stormy days which came to a head in the AFL convention in San Francisco in 1934.

William Green, then AFL president, said of Lewis: "In the midst of our common effort to better the welfare of all workers, came forth a man who sought other ends. Consumed with personal ambition, he gave the lie to the democratic process after it had raised the voice of dualism and disunity, a voice which while pretending to unite sought to disrupt; a voice which while declaiming democratic ideals sought dictatorship."

Lewis in reply was, as usual, concise, savage, polysyllabic in his key words: "Alas, poor Green! I knew him well. He wishes me to join him in fluttering procrastination."

ASH'S PROPHECY  
But with Lewis removed from the scene by the sulks, and Green and Philip Murray, Lewis' immediate successor as CIO head, gone the way of all mortals, George Meany and Richard J. Brown were able to meet in a calmer spirit and restore unity to what Green ever a powerful orator, so often called "the House of Labor."

Several years ago Robert S. Ash, while Green was still president, but Meany had become secretary of the AFL, came back from a special conference in Washington with the report to the Central Labor Council that it looked as though Meany was working powerfully for the reunion of the great labor groups which is finally on the verge of completion.

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### Registration Deadline For Oakland Voters

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Oakland deadline: You must register by Thursday, February 24 in order to be eligible to vote in the April 19 primary election.

There won't be any deputy registrars around so you'll have to register either at City Hall or the County Courthouse.

### Stambaugh Warns On No-Strike Bill

Vern Stambaugh, Carmen 192, warned the Central Labor Council this week that one bill of the four which have been introduced in the Legislature affecting Bay Area transit provides that there shall be no strikes on public transit lines.

"This bill was introduced," said Stambaugh, "by Assemblyman S. C. Masterson, Democrat, of Contra Costa county, whom labor supported in the last election."

Stambaugh said all public utility workers should take warning.

### Steamfit Senator For Israel Bonds

Senator Patrick McNamara, the Democratic steamfitter who was elected in Michigan in the last election over seemingly overwhelming odds, will be the speaker Saturday evening, April 2, at a trade union dinner on behalf of State of Israel bonds. The dinner, announces Jack Goldberger, chairman of the Trade Union Committee for State of Israel Bonds, will be held in the Gold Room of the Hotel Fairmont in San Francisco.

### Worker Not Boss Pays Insurance

George Whitton, secretary-treasurer of Plasterers 112, has brought to the attention of East Bay Labor Journal an interesting "Letter to the Editor" which appeared recently in an Eastbay daily newspaper. The letter, written by a San Leandro resident (not a member of Local 112) follows:

Editor: Of late much has been said about fraudulent unemployment claims and it is time something is said for those who are unemployed and entitled to their claims.

We are told the employer alone contributes to the insurance fund and the employee pays nothing. It should be pointed out that if the employee did not work and earn the money paid to him the employer would not have to pay any. The cost of hiring anyone depends on the wages paid, plus the percentage of unemployment premium etc. Obviously unemployment contributions are a part of wages regardless of who is paying them to whom.

If the enormous sums of money are paid out in fraudulent claims, I for one do not feel apathetic. The responsible officials should be removed and someone put in who is able to detect fraud before it goes as high as 47 percent or even 17 percent.

HERMAN J. BURGER,  
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### Tom Roberts Reelected Secretary, Park Board

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### AFL News Service Brief Dispatches

TAFT-HARTLEY LAW Section 14-B, which makes State law supreme when it is tougher than T-H, should be repealed, says AFL Executive Council. This section paves way for "right to work" laws.

FREE ELECTIONS in China to determine whether the people wish the Communist system should be demanded by UN, says the AFL Executive Council.

GUARANTEED ANNUAL wage demand by six unions representing 350,000 railway shopmen has AFL President Meany's endorsement.

77% SLASH of TVA budget proposed by President Eisenhower means dismissal slips for 5390 workers.

3,347,000 JOBLESS in January in U. S., upshot of Government's latest report.

BIG BUSINESS is "pressuring" to toughen Taft-Hartley, enact so-called right-to-work laws, to get NLRB to continue making rulings favorable to them, and to see to it that tax laws favor corporations," says AFL President George Meany.

SCHOOL FEDERAL AID of limited \$200 millions over 3-year period proposed by President Eisenhower appeared to be a concession to mounting demand for Federal aid now.

WELFARE FUNDS' safeguarding to be studied by AFL committee: David Dubinsky, Albert J. Hayes, Harry C. Bates. WEST GERMAN UNIONS urged by AFL to back West German rearmament, which the unions and Socialists have been opposing.

HARRY ROSENBERG, Berkeley personnel director for the past 7 years, has been named to a similar position in Oakland by the city Civil Service Board of which Cy Stulting, Teamsters 70, is chairman.

### CLC Installs Officers For 3-Year Terms

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time to go," but expressing the hope that "after this new term, you will again elect Bob Ash."

Vice Presidents Edna Lallement and Ed M. Ross spoke briefly, as did Sergeant-at-Arms Eddie Maney, who has a long record of service for the council, and Executive Board Member Edrie Wright.

### THAT TOTEM POLE

Miss Wright called attention to the fact that she and Mrs. Lallement are "the only women elected by the council," and added, "I'm glad you reelected me, and that this time I climbed up from the bottom of the totem pole."

Joe Seane, who had been a candidate for the executive board, cheerfully remarked that while in the election he had been at the bottom of the totem pole, he deeply appreciated the action of many delegates in voting for him. Whereupon Seane proceeded to tell of the new and improved contract his union, Chemical Workers 62, has negotiated with Westvaco at Newark.

The full list of reelected officers of the Central Labor Council, and of the standing committee members, was published in last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

### 5909 on Relief

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